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SUBJ: NEPALI AMBASSADOR COURTESY CALL ON USUN

1. NEPAL'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE UPADHYAY ON SEPT 17TH PAID HIS POSTPONED COURTESY CALL ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON. HE APPEARED TO HAVE NO SPECIFIC ISSUES TO DISCUSS AND RESPONDED COMFORTABLY TO ITEMS RAISED. HE OBSERVED THAT WHILE AT PRESENT NEPAL HAS RELATIVELY GOOD RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING INDIA AND CHINA, HISTORIC PROBLEMS REMAIN. NEPAL STILL REQUIRES GOOD ACCESS TO THE SEA, AND INDIA IS THE NATURAL GATEWAY FOR REASONS OF GEOGRAPHY. THIS MATTER IS STILL NOT SETTLED TO NEPAL'S SATISFACTION.

AS REGARDS CHINA, NEPAL IS INTERESTED IN JUST MAINTAINING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP; IT IS NO USE FOR NEPAL TO SPEND TIME AND ENERGY COLLECTING INTELLIGENCE ON CHINA, AS IN A CRISIS WITH CHINA COLLECTED INFORMATION WOULD NOT HELP NEPAL.

2. UPADHYAY SHOWED MORE ANIMATION ABOUT THE KOREA ISSUE IN UN. IN RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S QUERY (THE MEETING, OF COURSE, PREDATED THE DENOUMENT OF THE KOREA PROBLEM), HE SAID HE HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT ON RESOLUTION VOTING. AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, HE SAID NEPAL WOULD ABSTAIN ON ANY RESOLUTION INTRODUCED ON BEHALF OF EITHER

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NORTH OR SOUTH KOREA. HE ADMITTED THAT NEPAL

DOES NOT LIKE THE KOREAN ISSUE. NEPAL, PRIVATELY SPEAKING,
WOULD LIKE TO DISCOURAGE NORTH KOREA FROM CONTINUING RESOLUTION
SUBMISSION AT THE UN AND LET THE MATTER REST FOR A FEW YEARS,
SO THAT EMOTIONS CAN CALM AND A BETTER PERSPECTIVE FOUND.
IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE ISSUE IS ONE THAT CAN BE SOLVED
ONLY BY NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, HE SAID.

3. UPADHYAY REMARKED THAT IN NEPAL'S STATEMENT THIS YEAR
HE WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE CRITICAL OF NORTH KOREA BECAUSE
THE NORTH KOREANS, AS DEMONSTRATED AT THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE,
ARE BEING MORE UNREASONABLE NOW THAN THEY WERE IN 1975.
HE BELIEVED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE UN FLAG AND
UN PRESENCE FROM KOREA, IF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IS TO BE
FOUND ON THE RE-UNIFICATION PROBLEM.
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